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Appl. No. : 09/675,890 Art Unit: 1771
Applicant : Naohito TAKEUCHI et al.
Filed : September 29, 2000 Examiner: Terrel Morris
Title : WATER-DECOMPOSABLE FIBROUS SHEET CONTAINING GEL
COMPOUND

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In order to comply with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy of form PTO/SB/08 and copies of the documents listed thereon.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each document listed on form PTO/SB/08 be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing form PTO/SB/08 next to the document. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

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This application was allowed February 3, 2004. This submission is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. As such, it is believed that no additional fee is due. However, if the Commissioner determines that a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Darby & Darby Deposit Account No. 04-0100 for any deficiency.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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